

THE LEADING BODIES OF THE SED AND OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE DISCUSSED AND CONFIRMED THE RESULTS OF THE DELIBERATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE SED AND OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PRAGUE ON DEC. 9 AND 10. THEY HAVE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING JOINT DECLARATION:

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PROCEED FROM THE FACT THAT THE FRATERNAL COOPERATION AMONG ALL SOCIALIST STATES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AT THEIR HEAD IS THE DECISIVE PREREQUISITE FOR SUCCESSFUL SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION AND FOR THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. THE VERY CLOSE RELATIONS WITHIN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH REST ON THE PRINCIPLES OF COMPLETE EQUALITY, AND OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AS WELL AS CULTURAL COOPERATION, ARE GAINING MORE AND MORE IMPORTANCE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

SUCH RELATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC BECAUSE THE WORKING PEOPLE HEADED BY THE WORKING CLASS AND LED BY REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES ARE IN POWER IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COMPLETELY NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL FULFILLMENT OF THE TASKS OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN BOTH COUNTRIES. IT HAS ALSO BEEN MANIFEST IN THE FURTHER DEEPENING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES ARE LINKED BY THE COMMON IDEAS OF SOCIALISM AND PEACE. THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TOWARD THE GDR AS THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC GERMAN STATE. THE GERMAN PEOPLE HAVE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE A TRUE FRIEND IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARISM AND FASCISM AS WELL AS IN THEIR JUST EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY AS A DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE-LOVING STATE.

IT IS OUR COMMON INTEREST TO VIGILANTLY GUARD THE MUTUAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF OUR ENEMIES AND TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEM STEADILY. THE TASKS WHICH ARISE FOR OUR INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM AND AS OUTPOSTS ON THE FRONTIERS OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD ALSO IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION ON US TO DO SO.

THE PRESENT EVENTS CONFIRM THE ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CPSU OF THE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD IN FAVOR OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIALISM. THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CPSU INDICATED THE PATH WHICH THE SOCIALIST AND OTHER PEACE-LOVING FORCES ARE SUCCESSFULLY TAKING.

THE STEADILY GROWING SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND BRINGS TO NAUGHT THE FURIOUS EFFORTS OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION TO HALT THIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD. THEY ARE NOT SUCCEEDING IN DRIVING A WEDGE BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST STATES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OTHER STATES OF THE MIGHTY ZONE OF PEACE ON THE OTHER.

A PROOF OF THIS IS THE SMASHING OF THE IMPERIALIST ATTACK ON THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF EGYPT. THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND THE DECISIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, PARTICULARLY OF THE SOVIET UNION, AS WELL AS THE STAND TAKEN BY OTHER PEACE-LOVING FORCES OF THE WORLD, HAVE FORCED THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGGRESSORS TO RETREAT.

WE DEMAND THAT WE RESOLUTELY ADVOCATE THAT THE DECISION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE IMPERIALIST TROOPS FROM EGYPT BE FULFILLED AND THAT THE AGGRESSORS COMPENSATE FOR THE DAMAGE WHICH THEY HAVE DONE TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT HAS SHOWN THE PEOPLES AFRESH THE IMPERIALIST THREATS TO WORLD PEACE. THIS INDUCES ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO BE EVEN MORE VIGILANT AND TO BAND TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WAR-LUSTING IMPERIALIST CIRCLES.

A GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE IN EUROPE AND THUS ALSO FOR PEACEFUL SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGGRESSIVE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT, AND THE REMILITARIZATION OF WEST GERMANY WHICH IS LINKED WITH IT. THE PERSECUTION OF SINGLE FIGHTERS FOR PEACE, AND THE BANNING OF THE KPD IN WEST GERMANY. THIS REQUIRES THE CONSTANT DEFENSIVE READINESS OF OUR COUNTRIES, A RESOLUTE STAND AGAINST ALL ENEMY INTENTIONS, THE SATELLEING OF OUR TERRITORY, OF OUR FRONTIERS, AND OF THE PEACEFUL WORK OF OUR CITIZENS.

THE WARSAW TREATY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES IS A MIGHTY SHIELD WHICH OPPOSES THE DARK INTENTIONS OF THE STATES OF THE AGGRESSIVE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT.

THE WARSAW TREATY UNEQUIVOCALLY LAYS DOWN THE DUTIES AND THE RIGHTS OF THE STATES WHICH BELONG TO IT WITH REGARD TO JOINT DEFENSE. OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL THE WARSAW TREATY CONSISTENTLY.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADVOCATE THE ELIMINATION OF EVERY FORM OF THE COLD WAR, AND THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. OUR AIM IS PEACEFUL COOPERATION AMONG ALL STATES AND PEOPLES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING.

WE REGARD THE STATEMENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF THE NOV. 17 OF THIS YEAR ON THE QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT AND THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AS THE MOST SUITABLE BASIS FOR AN UNDERSTANDING AMONG ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE FOR COMMON ACTION.

A PART OF THE EXTENSIVE CONSPIRACY OF WORLD REACTION AGAINST THE FORCES OF SOCIALISM, DEMOCRACY, AND PEACE, WAS THE ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT A COUNTERREVOLUTION IN THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY. THE GRAVE DANGER THREATENED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP IN HUNGARY, WITH ALL THE CONSEQUENCES THIS WOULD ENTAIL FOR PEACE AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE. THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLES OF THEIR COUNTRIES, SUPPORTED FROM THE FIRST MOMENT ONWARD THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH COMPLIED WITH THE REQUEST OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTIONARY WORKER-PEASANT GOVERNMENT AND RENDERED EFFECTIVE AID IN THE SMASHING OF THE FASCIST GANGS. OUR COUNTRIES WELCOME THE VICTORY OVER THE COUNTERREVOLUTION, WHICH ENABLES THE HUNGARIAN WORKERS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, TO CONTINUE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN A FREE, INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC STATE, WHICH SERVES THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AMONG THE PEOPLES.

THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED IN EXPLOITING SHORTCOMINGS CONNECTED WITH THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC ORDER UNDER THE DEMAGOGIC SLOGAN, "FOR A NEW SOCIAL REVOLUTION," AND IN ORDER TO ERECT A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP. WE GIVE THE FRESH ASSURANCE THAT THE WORKING CLASS AND THE WHOLE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF HUNGARY MEET WITH OUR FULL UNDERSTANDING AND OUR AID, SO THAT THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WILL BE OVERCOME QUICKLY AND SO THAT LIFE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL IN THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA STRESS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEARN THE LESSONS FROM THE EVENTS IN HUNGARY, AND TO INCREASE THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL VIGILANCE OF OUR PARTIES AND OF ALL THEIR MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO THWART IN GOOD TIME THE INTENTIONS OF OUR ENEMIES, PARTICULARLY OF THE NATO ORGANS.

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WE WELCOME THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF THE UNITED POLISH
WORKERS PARTY TO ASSURE FURTHER SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN THE
NEIGHBORING POLISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY. WE, FOR OUR PART,
WANT TO HELP OUR POLISH COMRADES IN OVERCOMING THEIR PRESENT
ECONOMIC AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES BY COMPLETELY FRIENDLY
COOPERATION WITH THEM AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE FRUSTRATION
OF THE ATTEMPTS OF POLISH AND FOREIGN REACTION TO WEAKEN POLAND'S
INTERNATIONAL POSITION AND TO DISTURB PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN
EUROPE.

THE FIRM VIEWPOINT OF THE GDR WITH REGARD TO THE INVIOABILITY
OF POLAND'S WESTERN FRONTIERS ON THE ODER AND WEISSE, WHICH THE
CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC FULLY SUPPORTS, IS OF GREAT IMPORTANT
IN THIS CONNECTION.

THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN FULL
AGREEMENT WITH THE WISH AND THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASSES
AND THE WORKERS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, STRESS THE NECESSITY FOR
THE FIRM SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES HEADED
BY THE SOVIET UNION. UNSWERVING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION
IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE VICTORY OF SOCIALISM IN THE INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES. IT GUARANTEES THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE.

BOTH PARTIES STRONGLY CONDEMN ANY ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN THE
UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, AND TO DISTURB THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION.
THEY DECLARE THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW ANY VIOLATION
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND TO COMBAT
ALL NATIONALISTIC AND ANTI-SOVIET TENDENCIES.

THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM IS ASSURED ABOVE
ALL BY THE UNITY OF THE COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES, BY COMMON
ACTION IN ALL QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE CONCERNING DOMESTIC
AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. EACH COUNTRY BUILDS UP SOCIALISM
ON THE BASIS OF ITS OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS,
NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS, AND THE TRADITIONS OF THE WORKERS'
MOVEMENT.

THEIR CONVICTIONS ARE SOCIALIST. OUR PARTIES RELY ON THE
RICH EXPERIENCE OF THE CPSU IN BUILDING UP THE FIRST SOCIALIST
SOCIETY IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, AND UTILIZE IT CREATIVELY.
THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXPERIENCES OF THE OTHER SOCIALIST
PARTIES. *A*

THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM CAN ONLY
BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM, WHICH OUR
PARTIES FIRMLY DEFEND. ANY ATTEMPT TO FORM ANOTHER PLATFORM
FOR THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS DECISIVELY REJECTED. ALL TALK
ABOUT ALLEGED NATIONAL COMMUNISM CONFLICTS WITH MARXISM-LENINISM.

OUR TWO PARTIES ARE LIKEWISE OF THE OPINION THAT THE
UNITY OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST WORLD MOVEMENT IS INDISPENSABLE.
IT IS NECESSARY TO JOINTLY OPPOSE THE IMPERIALIST PROVOCATIONS
AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OPPORTUNISTS AND RENEGADES OF THE
WORKERS' MOVEMENT OF ALL KINDS AGAINST SOCIALISM. OUR PARTIES
DECISIVELY OPPOSE ALL ATTEMPTS TO SPLIT THE MARXIST WORKERS'
MOVEMENT BY A DIVISION INTO STALINISTS AND NON-STALINISTS,
INTO OLD AND NEW DIRECTIONS. THESE CONCEPTS ORIGINATE IN THE
INTERESTS OF IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA.

FROM THE PRINCIPLE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM
OUR TWO PARTIES WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND MUTUAL BROTHERLY
RELATIONS IN ALL SPHERES. OUR TWO PARTIES ARE PUTTING INTO
EFFECT THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS FOR THE HOLDING OF
CONSULTATIONS WITH EACH OTHER ON FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE LIFE AND THE WORK OF OUR PARTIES, AND OUR STATES.

SO THAT THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAY BECOME
EVEN BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER, AND GET CLOSER TOGETHER,
THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL ENDEAVOR
TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TRADE UNIONS
AND COOPERATIVE, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING UP SOCIALISM IN THE GDR AND IN THE
CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC. TO THIS END WE SHALL CONSOLIDATE THE
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE WORKERS OF OUR FACTORIES, AGRICULTURAL
COOPERATIVES, AND SO FORTH.

THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE LEADING
BODIES OF THE SED AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA
WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR PARTIES
AND STATES. THE FRATERNAL ALLIANCE AND THE CLOSE COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ARE A GREAT
FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE VICTORY OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION
IN OUR COUNTRIES. THEY ARE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE CONSOLIDATION
OF THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM, THEY STRENGTHEN WORLD PEACE.

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